

In the Claims

Kindly rewrite claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended for a Fourth Time) A method of making packages having slider-operated zippers, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a supply of a series of concatenated packages, each of said packages having a slider-operable reclosable zipper;

providing a supply of sliders, each of said sliders being insertable onto said reclosable zipper and adapted to open and close said reclosable zipper as said slider is moved along said reclosable zipper in opening and closing directions, respectively; and

for each of said packages, removing a slider from said slider supply and inserting said slider over said reclosable zipper at a section of said zipper while the closure elements of said reclosable zipper remain fully interlocked.